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TITLE: Euplotes telomerase: evidence for limited base-pairing

during primer elongation and dGTP as an effector of

translocation.

AUTHOR: Hammond P W; Cech T R

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Howard Hughes

Medical Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder,

Colorado 80309-0215, USA.

CONTRACT NUMBER: GM28039 (NIGMS)

SOURCE: Biochemistry, (1998 Apr 14) 37 (15) 5162-72.

Journal code: 0370623. ISSN: 0006-2960.

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The telomeric sequence repeats at the ends of eukaryotic chromosomes are AB maintained by the ribonucleoprotein enzyme telomerase. Telomeric DNA primers are bound by telomerase both at the active site, which includes base-pairing with the RNA template, and at a second anchor site. The stabilities of Euplotes aediculatus primer-telomerase complexes were determined by measuring their dissociation rates (koff), using an assay involving photo-cross-linking at the anchor site. The primer length was varied, and mismatched substitutions were introduced in a systematic manner. We observed that koff does not scale with primer length as expected for accumulated primer-template base-pairing. This suggests that telomerase maintains a more-or-less constant number of base pairs, similar to the transcription bubble maintained by RNA polymerase. An upper limit was estimated by comparing the experimental koff for the primer-telomerase complex to that of a model DNA-RNA duplex. All the binding energy could be attributed to 10 or 11 base pairs; alternatively, there could be <10 base pairs, with the remaining energy contributed by other parts of telomerase. Most primers exhibited biphasic dissociation kinetics, with variations in both the amount in each phase and the rate for each phase. Since the cross-links monitored in the dissociation assay were all formed with the 5' region of the primer, the two phases may arise from different base-pairing registers with the RNA template, possibly representing preand post-translocation complexes. A shift from slow phase to fast phase dissociation was observed in the presence of dGTP, which may implicate dGTP as a positive effector of translocation.

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TITLE: dGTP-dependent processivity and possible template switching

of euplotes telomerase.

AUTHOR: Hammond P W; Cech T R

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Howard Hughes

Medical Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

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AB We have measured the processivity of telomeric DNA extension by Euplotes aediculatus telomerase at various concentrations of the nucleotide substrates dGTP and dTTP. The maximum processivity (approximately 3 repeats) was observed at approximately 100 microM of each dNTP.

Processivity decreased as the dNTP concentrations were reduced and, surprisingly, as the concentration of dGTP was increased. Also, the characteristic banding pattern generated by telomerase extension of DNA primers shifted in response to changes in dGTP concentration. One pattern with 8 nt periodicity was predominant at dGTP concentrations </=16 microM, while at >/= 250 microM an 8 nt repeat pattern out-of-phase with the first was observed; at intermediate concentrations the two patterns coexisted. We propose that two different segments of the RNA subunit can serve as the template for repeat synthesis; nt 42-49 at low dGTP concentrations and nt 36-43 at high dGTP concentrations. An alternative model for the low dGTP pattern involves an internal pause site but no pause at the end of the template and is, therefore, considered less likely. Because the effects of dGTP on processivity and banding pattern appear to be distinct from nucleotide binding in the polymerase active site, we propose a second dGTP binding site involved in template selection and processivity.

L6 ANSWER 3 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN ACCESSION NUMBER: 97169225 MEDLINE DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9016672

TITLE: Detection of all single-base mismatches in solution by

chemiluminescence.

AUTHOR: Nelson N C; Hammond P W; Matsuda E; Goud A A;

Becker M M

CORPORATE SOURCE: Gen-Probe Incorporated, San Diego, CA 92121, USA.

SOURCE: Nucleic acids research, (1996 Dec 15) 24 (24)

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A rapid in-solution method for the detection of all 12 single-base AB mismatches is described. The technique is based on the hybridization protection assay (HPA) format that utilizes oligonucleotide probes labeled with a highly chemiluminescent acridinium ester (AE). Hydrolysis by weak base renders AE permanently non-chemiluminescent. When an AE-labeled probe hybridizes to an exactly complementary target, AE is protected from hydrolysis relative to the unhybridized conformation. Single-base mutations in the duplex adjacent to the site of AE attachment disrupt this protection resulting in rapid AE hydrolysis and loss of chemiluminescence. The discrimination effect was seen in both DNA and RNA. Studies of Tm values revealed that this effect is not due to a decrease in the overall stability of the duplex, suggesting the AE is responding to local structural changes in the double helix induced by mismatches. Using this principle all 12 single mismatches were clearly discriminated from the corresponding matched sequences. The assay is homogeneous, simple, sensitive, applicable to both amplified and non-amplified targets, and is completed in 30-60 min. An example showing discrimination between wild-type and mutant sequences corresponding to the reverse transcriptase coding region of HIV-1 is given.

L6 ANSWER 4 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN ACCESSION NUMBER: 97127386 MEDLINE DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8972210

TITLE: The anchor site of telomerase from Euplotes aediculatus

revealed by photo-cross-linking to single- and

double-stranded DNA primers.

AUTHOR: Hammond P W; Lively T N; Cech T R

CORPORATE SOURCE: Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Chemistry

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CONTRACT NUMBER: GM28039 (NIGMS)

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Telomerase is a ribonucleoprotein enzyme that adds telomeric sequence AB repeats to the ends of linear chromosomes. In vitro, telomerase has been observed to add repeats to a DNA oligonucleotide primer in a processive manner, leading to the postulation of a DNA anchor site separate from the catalytic site of the enzyme. We have substituted photoreactive 5-iododeoxypyrimidines into the DNA oligonucleotide primer d(T4G4T4G4T4G2) and, upon irradiation, obtained cross-links with the anchor site of telomerase from Euplotes aediculatus nuclear extract. No cross-linking occurred with a primer having the same 5' end and a nontelomeric 3' end. These cross-links were shown to be between the DNA primer and (i) a protein moiety of approximately 130 kDa and (ii) U51-U52 of the telomerase RNA. The cross-linked primer could be extended by telomerase in the presence of [alpha-32P]dGTP, thus indicating that the 3' end was bound in the enzyme active site. The locations of the cross-links within the single-stranded primers were 20 to 22 nucleotides upstream of the 3' end, providing a measure of the length of DNA required to span the telomerase active and anchor sites. When the single-stranded primers are aligned with the G-rich strand of a Euplotes telomere, the cross-linked nucleotides correspond to the duplex region. Consistent with this finding, a cross-link to telomerase was obtained by substitution of 5-iododeoxycytidine into the CA strand of the duplex region of telomere analogs. We conclude that the anchor site in the approximately 130-kDa protein can bind duplex as well as single-stranded DNA, which may be critical for its function at chromosome ends. Quantitation of the processivity with single-stranded DNA primers and double-stranded primers with 3' tails showed that only 60% of the primer remains bound after each repeat addition.

L6 ANSWER 5 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN ACCESSION NUMBER: 91272856 MEDLINE DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 2053465

TITLE: Nucleophilic addition to the 9 position of

9-phenylcarboxylate-10-methylacridinium protects against

hydrolysis of the ester.

AUTHOR: Hammond P W; Wiese W A; Waldrop A A 3rd; Nelson N

C; Arnold L J Jr

CORPORATE SOURCE: Gen-Probe Inc., San Diego, CA 92121.

SOURCE: Journal of bioluminescence and chemiluminescence,

(1991 Jan-Mar) 6 (1) 35-43.

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AB The chemiluminescent reaction of an acridinium ester (AE) requires addition of peroxide to the 9 position of the acridinium ring. The addition of a hydroxide ion to the 9 position of an acridinium ester to form the carbinol adduct has also been well documented. We have observed a similar addition of other nucleophiles to the acridinium ring to form an acridan adduct. The adduct formed with bisulphite has been particularly well-characterized for rate of formation, rate of reversion, and reaction equilibrium. The formation of an adduct (other than H2O2) has been demonstrated to decrease significantly the reactivity of the adjacent ester bond to alkaline hydrolysis. The resulting, more stable adduct is very useful when the acridinium ester is used as a label in DNA

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                    Hepatitis C virus NS3/4A protease.
TITLE:
AUTHOR:
                    Kwong A D; Kim J L; Rao G; Lipovsek D; Raybuck S
                    Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Cambridge, MA 02139, USA..
CORPORATE SOURCE:
                    kwong@vpharm.com
SOURCE:
                    Antiviral research, (1999 Feb) 41 (1) 67-84. Ref: 100
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AB
     Despite an urgent medical need, a broadly effective anti-viral therapy for
     the treatment of infections with hepatitis C viruses (HCVs) has yet to be
     developed. One of the approaches to anti-HCV drug discovery is the design
     and development of specific small molecule drugs to inhibit the
     proteolytic processing of the HCV polyprotein. This proteolytic
     processing is catalyzed by a chymotrypsin-like serine protease which is
     located in the N-terminal region of non-structural protein 3 (NS3). This
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protease domain forms a tight, non-covalent complex with NS4A, a 54 amino acid activator of NS3 protease. The C-terminal two-thirds of the NS3 protein contain a helicase and a nucleic acid-stimulated nucleoside triphosphatase (NTPase) activities which are probably involved in viral replication. This review will focus on the structure and function of the serine protease activity of NS3/4A and the development of inhibitors of this activity.

L7 ANSWER 2 OF 4 MEDLINE on STN
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999193949 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10096285

TITLE: Smartbombs and cloaking devices.

COMMENT: Comment on: Nat Biotechnol. 1999 Mar;17(3):265-70. PubMed

ID: 10096294

AUTHOR: Wagner R W; Lipovsek D

SOURCE: Nature biotechnology, (1999 Mar) 17 (3) 227-8.

Journal code: 9604648. ISSN: 1087-0156.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States DOCUMENT TYPE: Commentary

News Announcement

LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

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L7 ANSWER 3 OF 4 MEDLINE ON STN ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999079747 MEDLINE DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9864043

TITLE: Hepatitis C virus NS3/4A protease.

AUTHOR: Kwong A D; Kim J L; Rao G; Lipovsek D; Raybuck S

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CORPORATE SOURCE:

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Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Cambridge, MA 02139, USA..

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SOURCE: Antiviral research, (1998 Dec) 40 (1-2) 1-18. Ref: 98

Journal code: 8109699. ISSN: 0166-3542.

PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

General Review; (REVIEW)

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LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

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Despite an urgent medical need, a broadly effective anti-viral therapy for the treatment of infections with hepatitis C viruses (HCVs) has yet to be developed. One of the approaches to anti-HCV drug discovery is the design and development of specific small molecule drugs to inhibit the proteolytic processing of the HCV polyprotein. This proteolytic processing is catalyzed by a chymotrypsin-like serine protease which is located in the N-terminal region of non-structural protein 3 (NS3). This protease domain forms a tight, non-covalent complex with NS4A, a 54 amino acid activator of NS3 protease. The C-terminal two-thirds of the NS3 protein contain a helicase and a nucleic acid-stimulated nucleoside triphosphatase (NTPase) activities which are probably involved in viral replication. This review will focus on the structure and function of the serine protease activity of NS3/4A and the development of inhibitors of this activity.

L7 ANSWER 4 OF 4 MEDLINE ON STN ACCESSION NUMBER: 88006403 MEDLINE DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 2820881

TITLE: Genes for immunodominant protein antigens are highly homologous in Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Mycobacterium

africanum, and the vaccine strain Mycobacterium bovis BCG.

AUTHOR: Lu M C; Lien M H; Becker R E; Heine H C; Buggs A M;

Lipovsek D; Gupta R; Robbins P W; Grosskinsky C M;

Hubbard S C; +

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, Cambridge 02139.

CONTRACT NUMBER: AI23545 (NIAID)

SOURCE: Infection and immunity, (1987 Oct) 55 (10) 2378-82.

Journal code: 0246127. ISSN: 0019-9567.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 198710

ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19900305

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AB The relatedness of immunodominant protein antigens in Mycobacterium tuberculosis, M. africanum, and M. bovis BCG was investigated by comparing the genes that encode major protein antigens in M. tuberculosis with their counterparts in the other two mycobacteria. Genes encoding homologs of M. tuberculosis major protein antigens were isolated from M. africanum and M. bovis BCG by constructing lambda gtll recombinant DNA expression libraries and screening them with murine monoclonal antibodies and DNA probes. antibodies were directed against four major protein antigens of M. tuberculosis with molecular masses of 71, 65, 19, and 14 kilodaltons. isolated M. africanum and M. bovis BCG DNA clones were mapped with restriction endonucleases, and the maps of the mycobacterial genes were confirmed by Southern analysis of mycobacterial genomic DNA. The restriction maps of DNA containing the four genes in M. tuberculosis, M. africanum, and M. bovis BCG are identical, indicating that the immunodominant proteins that they encode are highly homologous in the three mycobacteria. Thus, the immunity against tuberculosis engendered by M. bovis BCG vaccination could be provided, at least in part, by the immune response to these homologous antigens.